Amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939

*424. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh have proposed an amendment to section 38 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 to enable the State Government to issue of fitness certificates to Motor Vehicles; and

(b) if so, whether Government have since cleared the same and if not, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Proposal empowering the State Government to authorise private testing stations for issue of fitness certificates in respect of specified categories of vehicles forms part of the proposed comprehensive legislation to replace the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. As the Central legislation would be applicable throughout the country, separate legislation by the State Government has not been considered essential. The position has been clarified to the State Government.

Conversion of Guwahati-Tinsukia line into broad gauge

*427. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Metre Gauge line from Guwahati to Tinsukia does not cover the major towns of the region in Upper Assam; and

(b) whether Government propose to take steps for conversion of this line into Broad gauge and to extend the line to connect the major towns of Upper Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Some district towns are not on direct MG line between Guwahati and Tinsukia.

(b) Surveys for BG line from Guwahati to Dibrugarh/Tinsukia via Nagaon, Jorhat and Sibsagar and alternatively for conversion of existing MG line via Lumding-Dimapur into BG have been carried out. Survey Reports have been forwarded to Planning Commission for consideration.

Recommendation of the Committee out working of Central Universities

*429. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 78 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd January, 1985 and state:

(a) the number and details of the recommendations made by the Committee on working of the Central Universities and accepted by Government; and

(b) the extent to which the accepted recommendations have been implemented by each Central University and its impact on the new education policy?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The Government had appointed an Empowered Committee to examine the Report of the Review Committee and take decisions on them. While the work of the Empowered Committee was in progress, the Government had initiated a comprehensive review of the National Policy on Education. In the formulation of the Policy, the recommendations made in the Report were also taken into account.

Steps to check infant mortality rate

*434. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the details of the steps Government are taking to check the rising trend in infant mortality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): As per SRS estimate of Registrar General of India, the infant mortality rate shows a declining trend from 110 in 1981 to 104 in 1984. The steps taken by the Government to reduce infant mortality include expansion of existing health infrastructure, training of manpower, health education, adoption of risk approach, universal immunisation of children control of diarrhoel disease, prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia and supplementary nutrition under ICDS scheme.

Boycott of 13th Commonwealth Games at Edinburgh

*435. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been asked to pay £ 2.45 lakh for having boycotted the 13th Commonwealth Games held in Edinburgh, in July, 1986;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) what are the names of the other countries which also boycotted the Commonwealth Games and have been asked to pay similarly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Indian Olympic Association has indicated that it has not received any claims in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The information sought concerns transactions among foreign Governments and is not available.

केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों के छात्र संघों के चुनाव

†436. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह :**
श्री शरद यादव :

क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार के अधीन कितने विश्वविद्यालयों में 1986–87 के शैक्षिक सत्र के दौरान दंड प्रक्रिया संहिता की धारा 144 लागू की गई और प्रत्येक मामले में यह कितने-कितने दिन के लिए लाग की गई ;

(ख) ऊपर उल्लिखित विश्वविद्यालयों में कितने छात्रों को राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा अधिनियम के अंतर्गत गिरफ्तार किया गया तथा किन कारण से गिरफ्तार किया गया ?

(ग) किन-किन केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों में कब से छात्र संघ के चुनाव नहीं हुए हैं और यदि कोई विलम्ब हुआ है तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) विश्वविद्यालय परिसर में शांति रहे तथा पुलिस का प्रवेश कम से कम हो, इस के लिए क्या प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री तथा स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) और (ख) संसद के अधिनियमों के अन्तर्गत कार्य करने वाले केवल नौ केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय हैं । इनमें पांडिचेरी विश्वविद्यालय तथा इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ओपन विश्वविद्यालय ने, जिन्होंने 1985 में अपना कार्य आरंभ किया, अभी तक किसी भी छात्र को दाखिल नहीं किया है । दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय, जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय, विश्व भारती तथा हैदराबाद विश्वविद्यालय, में चालू शैक्षणिक वर्ष के दौरान किसी गड़बड़ी की सूचना नहीं है । अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम विश्वविद्यालय, बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय तथा उत्तर-पूर्वी पर्वतीय विश्वविद्यालय में गड़बड़ी की कुछ सूचनाएं मिली हैं । केवल अलीगढ़ मुस्लिम